



# **Town of Hopkinton, NH**

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### **SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014 APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_**

George Langwasser, Vice-Chairman, called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2014, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Vice Chairman Langwasser introduced the members of the Board. Ken Traum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** George Langwasser, Sara Persechino, Ken Traum and Sue B. Strickford

**Staff Present:** Neal Cass, Town Administrator, Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant, Fire Chief Doug Mumford

**Public Present:** Ken Wilkens, Janet Krzyzaniak, Merle Dustin, Clarke and Judith Kidder, Amy & Chuck Gangel, Dijit Taylor, Bob LaPree and Joyce Sullivan

## **II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **Consent Agenda**

Board members reviewed documents for signature and approved unanimously (4-0) the Consent Agenda, taking the following action on motion made by Mr. Traum and seconded by Mrs. Strickford:

Item	Date	Action	Comments
Accounts Payable Manifest	07-28-14	Approved	1,330,853.78
Accounts Payable Manifest	07-28-14	Approved	57,861.23
Payroll Manifest	07-28-14	Approved	68,126.14
Building Permit	07-28-14	Approved	Map 221 Lot 48
Building Permit	07-28-14	Approved	Map 208 Lot 108
Building Permit	07-28-14	Approved	Map 249 Lot 8
Building Permit	07-28-14	Approved	Map 101 Lot 7
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Abatement Recommendation	07-28-14	Approved	Interest Waived Stonynook
Tax Collectors Warrant-CU	07-28-14	Approved	Map 223 Lot 2.4
Land Use Change Tax	07-28-14	Approved	Map 223 Lot 2.4
PAF	07-28-14	Approved	Recreation
Petition & Pole License 2 copies	07-28-14	Approved	Pine Street
Veteran's Credit	07-28-14	Approved	Map 235 Lot 4



### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of July 14, 2014. Mr. Traum made a motion; seconded by Mrs. Persechino, to approve the public meeting minutes of July 14, 2014.

**VOTE:** Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

### **III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Fire Chief Doug Mumford:** Fire Chief Mumford was in to update the Board on his research for other housing options for firefighters, while the station is being renovated. He concluded renting an RV or apartment would be a very expensive way to go and will leave us with nothing; but spent money. He stated the cost to rent an RV is upwards of \$4,500 a month. Chief Mumford also looked at apartments in town, but has concerns that other tenants would not appreciate all the noise and tones ringing; he is also concerned with life safety issues, if renting an apartment. Mrs. Persechino stated she had spoken to the owners of 2 Maple Street, who may consider a long term lease of the entire building. She asked Chief Mumford to speak with them. Fire Chief Mumford stated he believes the best solution and the best bang for the buck, would be to renovate the Hopkinton Station for bunks and an office. It already has a kitchen, showers, etc. He has spoken to the company that previously bid the job three years ago and they agreed to keep the price at the same rate. He further stated he had received a response to an e-mail he had sent to Bonnett, Page and Stone (BP&S) regarding costs of housing during renovations. It is Chief Mumford's understanding that BP&S will cover some of the expense to relocate. Discussion ensued, with regards to a vent that needs to be installed. He has received a quote from Air Cleaning Specialist of New England, LLC in the amount of \$17,900 and a quote for Irish Electric to provide and install 30 AMP/208V Single Phase circuit, in the amount of \$965.00. Total for exhaust vent would be \$18,865.00. Discussion ensued, with regards to response time if at the Hopkinton Station vs. response time, if still located in Contoocook, and how fire permits are done.

Mr. Traum made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Hopkinton Station subject to cost reimbursement from Bonnett, Page and Stone. Mrs. Strickford seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

Mr. Traum made a motion to approve the appropriate of \$18,856.00 for the exhaust system at the Hopkinton Fire Station; the funds to be expended from the Fire Equipment Replacement Fund. Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

**Community Health:** Chief Mumford updated the Board on his recent meeting, stating more information will be available at a later date. He also discussed funding for a bariatric program



which is being funded by Homeland Security. He will update the Board as he receives more information.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Maple/Cedar St. Intersection:**

Vice Chair Langwasser opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm. Mr. Cass stated this is a Safe Routes to School Project; that has been delayed due to engineering changes, as well as input from the residences of Cedar Street. The engineering contract has finally been approved by the State and it includes 3 projects, Cedar Street being the first. Mr. Cass gave a short history of the Cedar Street project. Discussion ensued, with regards to the configuration of the sidewalk and the amount of turning radius at the corner. Clark Kidder was concerned that large trucks will not be able to maneuver the intersection. Mr. Cass stated it was designed with trucks in mind, but they will recheck to make sure it is right. There being no further comment, Vice Chair Langwasser closed the hearing at 6:30 pm.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION II-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (d) Consideration of acquisition, sale, or lease of real property**

Mrs. Persechino moved to go into a non-public session in regards to consideration of acquisition, sale or lease of real property under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (d). Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Select Board Members Persechino, Traum, Strickford, and Vice Chair Langwasser voted in favor, and the Vice Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4–0).

The Board, Bob LaPree, Dijit Taylor, and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 6:30 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 6:45 p.m.

**Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:**

Mrs. Persechino moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session for a period of 1 year. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Select Board Members Persechino, Traum, Strickford, and Vice Chair Langwasser voted in favor, and the Vice Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4–0).

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

Merle Dustin stated that although the portable toilets were repositioned, now you can look right into them. Vice Chair Langwasser stated we would check on it.

Clark Kidder stated he was at the Farmer's Market and behind the tents there was a manhole that water was coming out of. The water was clear and there was no smell. He tried to contact Mr. Clough, however, was unable to contact him. Vice Chair Langwasser stated that it will be checked into.

Merle Dustin also stated the risers on at the Lewellen Bandstand need repair.



## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**Deed Signing:** Mr. Cass stated we have been through the process of sealed bids for the purchase of three separate parcels that were owned by the Town. A fourth parcel is still being worked on. The Board signed the three deeds.

**Senior Luncheon:** Mr. Cass reminded the Board they will be hosting the Senior Luncheon, along with the School Board, at Elm Brook Park, on Wednesday, July 30, 2014.

Clark Kidder inquired if the fountain in Fountain Square would be replaced. Mrs. Persechino stated William Chapin has offered to donate a new foundation. She further stated that Bill Chapin, Jr. was talking with Swenson Granite, to see if we can get a granite foundation instead of a cement one.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

## **VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Mr. Cass noted a memo from Recreation Director Jessica Bailey. She would like to purchase some mulch chips for the playground.

Mrs. Persechino made a motion to approve the purchase of mulch chips for the playground in the amount of \$1,850.00 to be expended from the Recreation Facilities Trust Fund. Mrs. Strickford seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

Mr. Cass informed the Board that the Sestercentennial Fund is now at \$19,300.00.

## **VIII. OTHER**

Mrs. Strickford stated she was contacted by Judy Blanchard with regards to possible contamination of Tom Johnson's well, because of run off. Mr. Cass agreed to look into the issue.

Mr. Traum inquired if the renovations of the Kimball Cabins could have L Chip funding. Mr. Cass agreed check into it.

Mr. Traum also stated there is erosion on Boundtree Road near North Shore Drive.

Mr. Traum also stated the he, Mrs. Persechino and Mrs. Strickford were helping Dan Feltus with his campaign and no town business was discussed.

Mr. Traum informed the Board he would be getting in touch with Jack Ruderman re: solar array grant from the Public Utilities Commission.



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Mr. Langwasser stated there is nothing new to report regarding the cable contract, although fiber optics are being installed.

The Solid Waste Disposable Study Committee will be meeting Monday, August 4, 2014.

Merle Dustin stated the sign for Rollins Road is missing.

Mrs. Persechino inquired about an update on the swap shop and the proposal for picnic tables at the bandstand. Mr. Cass stated both are still on his list, and he will work on scheduling them.

It was noted that work has begun to correct the drainage issues at the intersection of Pine St, Park Ave and Kearsarge Ave.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Langwasser, seconded by Mrs. Persechino to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Buchanan  
Administrative Assessing Assistant